

Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 2:42 PM
To:
Subject: RE: DUKE ENERGY Foothills POWER LINE PROJECT

Dear Ms. Hartley,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Duke, Daphne; Easterling, Deborah; DeSanty, Tricia
Subject: FW: DUKE ENERGY Foothills POWER LINE PROJECT

From: Susan Hartley [r]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 6:16 AM
To: Elam, Elliott
Subject: DUKE ENERGY Foothills POWER LINE PROJECT

Dear Mr. Elam,

I am asking you to question the need for Duke Energy to construct a 40+ mile high voltage power line from Asheville to substations in South Carolina.

I believe that Duke Energy is taking advantage of the political climate favorable to reduction of coal energy and its and environmental consequences, in order to gain approval for a huge project of questionable need, which would have negative environmental impact for over 40 miles – in order to be able to serve customers in Asheville who have not yet arrived – all at the expense of families who are already here.

The economy and culture of Polk County, N.C. and Upstate South Carolina are built upon the quality this line would destroy: the natural beauty of a pristine community beneath the Blue Ridge Escarpment. The clear-cutting of a wide swath

and erection of 14-story towers through the heart of our stunning landscape would destroy the natural, rural beauty of our unique area, home to agriculture/equestrian activities with a long history.

Equally important, it would directly or indirectly disrupt the lives and plans of current residents and local business people.

The economy which supports the working community here — the farmers, tradesmen, artists, outdoor recreation businesses, and nearly 180 non-profit organizations — largely depends upon the area's current agricultural activities and significant retirement income investments, all of which have been drawn by the untouched rural beauty of the area.

Our American enthusiasm for growth and development has systematically changed much of the face of our nation's landscape. As a result, places like our Foothills area are now rare — and at risk of being lost altogether.

Duke Energy's project requires that we accept 2 assumptions:

1. That our area has such great needs for power that only Duke's high voltage line will satisfy. Is this the case? Whose statistics are being used to support this claim?

2. That growth is always a good thing for a community.

Do we want the unbridled growth in the Foothills area that a giant Duke Energy footprint would encourage — or do we want to control growth in order to maintain our rural atmosphere?

I encourage you to help protect our Foothills area from this unnecessary expansion.

Duke Energy may be reached at 888.238.0373 or by email WCTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com

Thank you,

Susan Hartley